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BOOK REVIEWS AND NOTICES

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NORTH AMERICA

Geography of Missouri. By Frederick V. Emerson. 74 pp. Maps, ills., bibliogr. *Bull.* Univ. of Missouri. Educat. Series, Vol. 1, No. 4. Columbia, 1912. 9 x 6.

This little book is a real contribution, being a well-written geography of an important state that lies partly in several rather distinct physiographical provinces of two leading physiographical regions of the United States. From a study of rocks, and physiographical processes, the treatment passes naturally to the provinces; and from the latter to soils, minerals and climate. In these three points and in the subsequent discussion of settlement, towns and the leading industries the treatment is essentially topical. Similar work done for many states, or a more distinctly regional presentation, by regions, throughout the United States would give us a splendid body of source literature for American geography. A number of typographical errors have crept in.

G. D. HUBBARD.

Reseña de la Segunda Sesión del XVII Congreso Internacional de Americanistas efectuada en la ciudad de México durante el mes de Septiembre de 1910 (Congreso del Centenario). iv and 486 pp. Ills., index. Museo Nacion. de Arqueol., Hist. y Ethnol., México, 1912. 9½ x 7.

The titles of the papers in this volume illustrate the wide range of aim actuating the researches of the Americanists gathered in Mexico on the occasion of the first centenary of the republic's independence. It is not surprising therefore that geography should have been well represented where catholicity of purpose prevailed. In fitting homage to von Humboldt, Dr. Oberhummer reviews the eminent explorer's trip to Mexico and briefly touches upon the physiographic foundation which underlies the general observations in the "Essai Politique sur le Royaume de la Nouvelle Espagne."

A list of equivalent geographical names in the ancient and modern Maya and Mexican languages is appended by Mr. Bercerra to a diary of Cortez's winter trip of 1524-1525 to Las Hibueras, south of Yucatan. Cartography is represented by a study of Louisiana, in the nature of a brief summary, in which the general neglect to read proofs thoroughly, which is apparent throughout the volume, becomes very conspicuous by such mention as the American Geographical Societies of Paris, London, Rome and Seville.

Reference to economic geography itself may be gathered from Mr. Walkins's paper on South America although this article was evidently not prepared with any conception of its fundamental geographical basis.

LEON DOMINIAN.

SOUTH AMERICA

Sous la Croix-du-Sud: Brésil, Argentine, Chile, Bolivie, Paraguay, Uruguay. Par Prince Louis d'Orléans-Bragance. 2ème édition. 484 pp. Map. Plon-Nourrit et Cie, Paris, 1912. Fr. 7.50. 9 x 5½.

On page 71 we read that it is useless to attempt to check the people of Argentina in their dream of hegemony. They are madly ambitious for their